Municipal Council has brought to the notice of the Government the desirability of storing water in the Kokkalai fields, owing to the inability of the Council to take up the work without contribution from the Government. The work is estimated at a cost of Rs. 3,000 and the Chairman requests for a special grant o half the amount of Rs. 1,500 from the Government for carrying on the work. A loan of Rs. 2,000 provided under 'XXIIIA—General Sanitation Works, Trichur' towards Trichur Town Improvement has to be spent on certain wells which were left in an incomplete stage last year and also for sinking new wells this year. No sum could be made available for the present purpose from the above allotment. The work of storage of water for Kokkalai fields was taken up last year from the small contribution from the Government and it is reported it contributed in a large measure to mitigate the water scarcity in Trichur. Considering the necessity for the work and the success with which it was undertaken last year I request the House to kindly grant the amount.

Dr. A. G Menon.—There is no opposition for it. It may be taken as passed.

Deputy President.—It is passed.

(3) XXIII—Huzur—Office Expenses—Rs. 750.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 750 under '13—Huzur—Office Expenses'. The existing provision of Rs. 1,550 under the head has become insufficient to meet the expenses of the current year owing to purchase of two additional type-writing machines It was not possible to anticipate the expenditure when the budget was framed. A provision of Rs. 650 exists in the budget but the machines proposed to be purchased with this amount were intended for the Secretariat and the Diwan's Personal Staff Office respectively. Subsequently, however, two more machines became necesary, one for the Special Officer, Harbour and Railways, and the other for the Special Officer in connection with the compilation of the record of administration from the papers in the possession of His Highness Raja Sir Sree Rama Varma, G. C. S. I., G.C. I. E. These machines are estimated to cost over about Rs. 705. The total cost of all the four machines would come to Rs. 1,355 for which there is a provision of only Rs. 650. To make the payment the entire provision under the head will have to be utilised and the balance left is too small for the rest of the year. Hence I request the House to allow the grant.

(*There was no opposition and the demand was passed.*)

A Bill to amend the Cochin Court Fees Regulation.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Cochin Court Fees Regulation II of 1080 and

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move that the Bill be read in Council. The object of the amendment is clear from the Objects and Reasons. Section 9 of the Regulation contemplates a taxing officer. But it is not stated as to who that officer is to be. Now the amendment says that the Chief Court shall declare who that taxing officer shall be within the meaning of that section. That is the sole purpose of this amendment.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Deputy President.—I do not think that there is any opposition and so it is passed.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I do not want the matter to be placed before a Select Committee.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'The Cochin Court Fees Regulation Amendment Bill'.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I request the President may be pleased to suspend Standing Order No. 32 and allow me to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Deputy President.—That may be done.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I move that the Bill may be taken for consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

Deputy President.—"*After the proviso to section 9 and before section the following paragraph shall be added, viz., "The Chief Court shall declare who shall be the taxing officer within the meaning of this section.*"

All are agreed. So it is passed.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The Bill may be taken up and passed to-morrow.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

(*The motion was agreed to.*)

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest:—

1. Distance between liquor shops.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that "*this Council recommends that there should at least be a distance of not less than half a mile between one liquor shop and another in towns and of one mile in other areas.*" Sir, the principle embodied in the resolution has been accepted by the Government. It is not the object of the Government to tempt people to drink and it is, therefore, absolutely necessary that shops should be reduced in numbers and that they should be located far away from one another and in places where people don't gather in large numbers. A resolution to the effect that shops should be situated about half a furlong away from public places has been passed by this Council, and if this resolution is also accepted, it would help

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